

What is claimed is:

1. A broadcast video image recording apparatus for recording broadcast video image data, comprising:

5 a first storage unit for storing broadcast video image data at all times; and

a second storage unit for storing video image data to be played back; and

10 a control unit for searching said first storage unit for video image data which has been indicated, and storing the indicated video image data in said second storage unit.

2. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first storage unit stores the broadcast video image data according to an FIFO sequence.

3. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first storage unit stores broadcast video image data in a plurality of channels.

4. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

indicating means for indicating the video image

~~data to be played back.~~

5. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said indicating means includes means for being operated by a user.

5 6. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said indicating means comprises means for determining the video image data to be played back from a list of information indicative of how video image data has been recorded by a user.

10 7. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said indicating means comprises means for determining video image data which is recorded with highest probability in said list, as the video image data to  
15 be played back.

8. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said indicating means comprises means for placing video image data which has been recorded  
20 most recently in a location of highest priority in said list.

9. A broadcast video image recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said indicating means comprises means for updating said list in order to impart higher priority  
25 ty to video image data which has been recorded most recently.

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